

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY MARCH 21, 2012

7:45 PM Room 222

Chairman's Notes:

- 1) **The Committee will be meeting with Jayne Colino immediately after the close of the public hearing on the Licensing Reorg item to provide the committee with an update on Senior Services and Senior Center activities and give the committee a sense on any programmatic issues they will look at going forward.**
- 2) **The Chair of the Committee has invited the Executive Department to come in to discuss items #130-11, #67-12, #68-12**

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

Public Hearing to be held for item 297-11(3):

The following item was denied by the Board of Aldermen on December 5, 2011. A resolution, #297-11(2), was approved requesting the Mayor consider locating the function in the Inspectional Services Department. In accordance with Article I section 3D of the Rules & Orders of the Board, "No petition addressed to the Board, the subject matter of which has been disposed of during the preceding 12-month period, shall be referred to any committee except by majority vote of the Board. Refusal to refer it shall constitute a denial of the petition on the ground that no further action by the Board is deemed necessary

#297-11(3) **HIS HONOR THE MAYOR** re-submitting a reorganization request pursuant to City Charter §6-2 to change the assignment of responsibility of the Licensing Board of Commissioners Administrative Director/Agent from the Veterans' Services Department to the Department of Health and Human Services (60 days 03/06/12). [01/30/2012 @ 4:18PM]

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#422-06(2) **ALD. HESS-MAHAN** requesting that a task force be established to meet and prepare a report and recommendations regarding the regulation of noise, air pollution and best practices with respect to the operation of power equipment used in landscaping, property and yard maintenance, including, without limitation, leaf blowers. [01/27/09 @ 3:47 PM]

The location of this meeting is handicap accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons requiring assistance. If you have a special accommodation need, contact the Newton ADA Coordinator Trisha Guditz at 617-796-1156 or tguditz@newtonma.gov or via TDD/TTY at (617) 796-1089 at least two days in advance of the meeting.

- #329-05(3) ALD. YATES requesting a discussion relative to amending the noise control ordinance to (A) prohibit the cumulative noise level from multiple pieces of equipment operating simultaneously on the same site to exceed the maximum noise levels allowed when measured at the nearest lot line and (B) to eliminate various exemptions in residential districts.

REFERRED TO PROG & SERV, PUB FACIL. & FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #130-11 PAUL COLETTI, ALD. SANGIOLO, DANBERG, & JOHNSON requesting Home Rule Legislation to create a Capital Preservation Fund for the City of Newton modeled on the Community Preservation Fund to address the capital needs of the City. [04/11/11 @9:42 PM]
FINANCE VOTED NO ACTION NECESSARY ON 10/12/11
PUBLIC FACILITIES VOTED NO ACTION NECESSARY ON 10/19/11
- #67-12 ALD. ALBRIGHT seeking a discussion with the Executive Department regarding a plan and timeline for funding an archivist/records manager position for the city to oversee the preservation, cataloguing, and organization of the city archives; provide guidance and assistance to city departments that are maintaining their own archives in order to ensure that records are preserved, accessible, and maintained; and, plan for future storage needs as the collection continues to expand. [03-12-12 @10:28 AM]
- #68-12 ALD. YATES, MERRILL asking that the Executive Department develop a detailed plan for the storage of the veterans archives currently housed in the War Memorial that allows for proper access to the records by veterans, their families, and historians, both amateur and professional. [03-05-12 @ 9:40 PM]

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

CHAIRMAN'S NOTE: PLEASE NOTE THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE HAS REQUESTED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO TAKING UP BOTH ITEMS #205-11 AND #39-12.

- #205-11 ALD. SANGIOLO, GENTILE, HARNEY, LINSKY requesting a discussion with the School Committee regarding a proposal to enter into contractual relationships with the Newton Schools Foundation to sell naming rights on behalf of the Newton Public Schools. [06/22/2011 @ 8:32AM]

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #39-12 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to establish a revolving account with an annual expenditure limit of \$2,000,000 for the purpose of receiving funds collected by the Newton Schools Foundation in connection with the sale of naming rights for Newton Public School

buildings and facilities and to be distributed for the sole purpose of public school education technology and curriculum purposes. [01/30/12 @ 4:18 PM]

- #37-12(2) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting a discussion to consider the creation of a three-man tree crew to be under the control of the Parks and Recreation Department. [02/09/2012 @ 11:02AM]

REFERRED TO PROG & SERV, PUBLIC FACIL. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #367-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate an amount not to exceed five million dollars (\$5,000,000) from bonded indebtedness for the following:
- (B) installation of up to six modular classrooms at five elementary schools as well as the addition of permanent classrooms and renovations to the core of F.A. Day Middle School. [11/29/10 @ 3:23 PM]
 - (A) \$75,000 for site plan work for 1 modular at Horace Mann, 2 at Zervas, and 1 at Burr was approved on December 20, 2010.
 - (B1) \$923,375 for installation of 4 modulares was approved on July 11, 2011
 - (B2A) \$86,545 for additional expenses related to the construction and installation of modular was approved on November 21, 2011.
 - (B2B) \$102,117 for design of sprinkler systems at three elementary schools was approved on November 21, 2011.
 - (B2C) Six hundred forty-three thousand five hundred dollars (\$643,500) of the remaining \$3,812,963 for the design and other related expenses associated with the building renovations to F.A. Day Middle School was approved on December 19, 2011.
 - #367-10(B2) – \$3,169,463 (remaining balance) for renovations to the core of F.A. Day Middle School and sprinkler systems was held on December 19, 2011.

NOTE: Item amended as shown below to reflect the following request for funding from the remaining \$3,169,463:

#367-10(B2D) – One million four hundred seventy-four thousand one hundred ninety-four dollars (\$1,474,194) of the remaining \$3,169,463 for the purpose of funding construction, construction administration and related expenses for the sprinkler system installations at the Burr, Zervas, and Horace-Mann Elementary Schools.

PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 7-0 on 02/22/2012

FINANCE APPROVED 6-0 on 02/27/12 (Gentile not voting)

APPROVED 3-0-3 (Ald. Linsky, Blazar, Sangiolo abstaining)

- #367-10(B2) \$ 1,695,269 (remaining balance) for renovations to the core of F.A. Day Middle School and sprinkler systems.
- PUBLIC FACILITIES HELD 7-0 on 02/22/12**
- FINANCE APPROVED 6-0 (Gentile not voting) on 02/27/12**

PROGRAMS & SERVICES HELD 6-0

- #37-12(2) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting a discussion to consider the creation of a three-man tree crew to be under the control of the Parks and Recreation Department. [02/09/2012 @ 11:02AM]

REFERRED TO PROG. & SERV AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES

- #36-12 ALD. CROSSLEY & FULLER requesting Home Rule legislation or an ordinance to require inspections of private sewer lines and storm water drainage connections prior to settling a change in property ownership, to assure that private sewer lines are functioning properly and that there are no illegal storm water connections to the city sewer mains.
A) Sewer lines found to be compromised or of inferior construction would have to be repaired or replaced as a condition of sale;
B) Illegal connections would have to be removed, corrected, and re-inspected in accordance with current city ordinances and codes, as a condition of sale. [01/24/12 @ 8:07 AM]
- #207-08(2) PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting discussion with the Executive Department and various City Department heads regarding use of debt exclusions to address city needs. [03-14-11 @ 10:26AM]

REFERRED TO PROG & SERV, PUB. FACIL. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #312-10 ALD. LENNON, LAPPIN, SCHNIPPER, SANGIOLO requesting a discussion with the School Committee on its plans to address space needs in the Newton public schools. [10-27-10 @ 11:07 AM]
FINANCE VOTED NO ACTION NECESSARY on 10/12/11 PUBLIC FACILITIES VOTED NO ACTION NECESSARY on 11/18/11
- #114-11(2) ALD. HESS-MAHAN & ALD. SALVUCCI requesting a discussion on the definition of “tot lot” in the ordinance and whether there are other play areas/structures which should be protected from the presence of dogs.

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

- #383-11 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY13-FY17 Capital Improvement Program pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter and the FY12 Supplemental Capital budget which require Board of Aldermen approval to finance new capital projects over the next several years. [10/31/11 @ 3:12 PM]

REFERRED TO PROG & SERV AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES

- #245-10 ALD. SCHNIPPER requesting discussion with National Grid regarding the possible damage to trees as a result of gas leaks. [09/01/10 4:00 PM]

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #273-08 ALD. JOHNSON proposing a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor requesting that the Executive and Human Resources Departments develop a comprehensive human capital strategy for the city to include:

performance management, talent development, succession planning, and compensation. [07/17/08 @ 9:53 AM]

FINANCE VOTED NO ACTION NECESSARY on 3/8/10

#298-09 ALD. MANSFIELD proposing Home Rule Legislation to amend **Article 2, Section 2-1(c) Composition; Eligibility; Election and Term** of the Newton Charter to establish four-year terms for Aldermen-at-Large with the provision for one Aldermen-at-Large to be elected from each ward at each biennial municipal election. [09-29-09 @ 6:45 PM]

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#270-08 ALD. JOHNSON proposing a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor requesting that he work with the Board of Aldermen, School Department, and School Committee in order to determine the most effective and efficient way to organize the Information Technology Departments. [07/17/08 @ 9:53 AM]

FINANCE VOTED NO ACTION NECESSARY ON 3/8/10

REFERRED TO PROG. & SERV., PUB.FAC. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#89-08 ALD. PARKER requesting the following:

- A) review of the maintenance practices for buildings, parks and other properties owned by the City (including School Department facilities and grounds)
- B) development of a comprehensive maintenance plan that includes regular schedules for preventive maintenance for each specific site or facility
- C) a RESOLUTION requesting that implementation of said maintenance plan be funded using operating budget funds.

[02/13/08 @ 12:07 PM]

FINANCE VOTED NO ACTION NECESSARY ON 3/8/10

PUBLIC FACILITIES NO ACTION NECESSARY ON 11/3/10

REFERRED TO PROG & SERV. AND PUB. FACIL. COMMITTEES

#99-11 ALD. ALBRIGHT, JOHNSON, DANBERG requesting that the Department of Public Works coordinate data on the impact of the snow removal ordinance from the Departments of Public Works, Parks & Recreation, Executive and Senior Services into a monthly report for the winters 2012 and 2013, which will be sent to the Public Facilities Committee that includes the following data: (1) the number of people requesting exemptions; (2) the number of exemptions awarded; (3) the number of warning letters sent; (4) the ability of the City to maintain the same standard regarding treating the surface to preserve safe passage; and (5) cost of the implementation of the program.

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE APPROVED 4-0 on 10/5/2011

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sangiolo, Chairman